

Minority**Health** EVENTS

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Calendar of Events

APRIL EVENTS

UAB Health Disparities Research Symposium

The 2007 UAB Health Disparities Research Symposium will be held on Thursday, April 5, 2007, at the Double Tree Hotel, in Birmingham, AL from 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. The Symposium highlights and promotes the research work of undergraduate, graduate, post-doctoral and faculty researchers in the field of *Health Disparities* in three categories--basic sciences research, clinical research and behavioral/community-based research. For more information contact Brian F. Geiger at (205) 934-8326 or email him at <http://www.ed.uab.edu/>.

Celebrate Public Health Week

The Jefferson County Health Department will be celebrating "*Our Community Roadmap to Health*", on April 5, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. At the Sheraton Civic Center, Ballroom A, in Birmingham, AL. Our Community Roadmap to Health is completed organization and the Jefferson County Department has taken the first steps in aligning our organizing goals. For more information call (205) 930-1480.

Agricultural Incident Response and Investigation Training

The South Central Center for Public Health Preparedness will bring together the public health, animal health, law enforcement and other personnel of local and state jurisdictions to address these and related questions and to interact with one another in a discussion of an agricultural incident scenario. The course will be held from 8:30 a.m. To 4:30 p.m. In the following locations: April 4, 2007-Gadsden, AL, April 6, 2007-Tuscaloosa, AL, April 20, 2007-Monroeville, AL, May 8, 2007-Montgomery, AL. There is no charge for the course, but pre-registration

is required. Course materials will be provided. Additional information and updates can be found by visiting our website, www.southcentralpartnership.org/preparedness and clicking on "Training" and then the "Workshops, Conferences and Exercises" link.

2007 Glenwood Lecture Series

The 2007 Glenwood Lecture Series presented by the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Public Health will be held on Wednesday, April 11, 2007 at the Alys Robinson Stephens Performing Arts Center in Birmingham, AL. The Glenwood Lectureship was begun in 2005 as collaboration between Glenwood, Inc. And the UAB School of Public Health. The purpose of the lectureship is to link the clinical service expertise of Glenwood with the research and teaching expertise of UAB. As the lectureship develops, it will hopefully foster a growing sense of unity around the health impacts of and care responses to behavioral health disorders such as autism. Please contact Dottie Mitchell for registration, cancellation, questions or special accommodations at (205) 795-3294 or email her at dmitchell@glenwood.org.

Elizabeth A. Morris Annual Clinical Sessions-FACES '07-Call for Abstracts

The Alabama State Nurses Association will host a continuing education seminar on Tuesday, April 17, 2007 in Montgomery, Alabama. For more information contact Charlene M. Roberson at (334) 262-8321 or (800) 270-2762 or email charlenernasna@bellsouth.net. The deadline for submission: January 26, 2007.

Hope and Healing for Health Disparities: A Conference on Spirituality and Rural Health

The Eighth Annual Rural Health Conference will be held April 19-

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*"It is just as
important to know
what sort of patient
has a disease as it
is to know what
sort of disease a
patient has."*

*(Adopted from
Sir William Osler, MD)*

20, 2007, at the Bryant Conference Center on the campus of The University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. The conference is hosted by the University of Alabama Institute for Rural Health Research and the University of Alabama School of Medicine, Tuscaloosa Campus. The cost of the conference is \$75 per person and includes two continental breakfasts, a luncheon, refreshment breaks, and handout materials. For more information about the Eighth Annual Rural Health Conference, contact the Institute for Rural Health Research at (205) 348-0025, or visit

the conference website at <http://rhc.ua.edu>.

Walk of Life for Breast Cancer

The 6th Annual Walk of Life will be held Saturday, April 21, 2007 Cramton Bowl, downtown Montgomery. Your support and commitment to the Joy to Life Foundation is so vital to our fight to stop breast cancer. Register online now at www.joytolife.org for the Walk of Life 2007! Take steps to stop Breast Cancer! For info call (334) 284-LIFE (5433).

ALEEC Conference

The Diocesan Task Force for the Stewardship of Creation is pleased to announce the Alabama Environmental Education Consortium Conference upcoming spring conference at Samford University on April 21, 2007, at 9:00AM-3:30PM, Wright Center, Birmingham, Alabama. Dr. E.O. Wilson, one of the world's top scientists, and one of the most highly respected people in the world today, will be the keynote speaker. Please contact Virginia Brown if you would like to be added to the email list for this event, or for follow-up to this event, and for information about future ALEEC events: vnbrown@samford.edu or (205) 726-4246.

Family Festival 2007

The Family Festival will be held on April 28, 2007 from 9AM until 1PM at Central High School Coosa County Hanover, Alabama. The festival is a fun-filled day of family enrichment activities. These activities will include free health screenings for all ages. For more information contact Marty Rittmann at (256) 377-4823 or email at rittmann@earthlink.net.

MAY EVENTS

Opportunity for Student Conference Presentations

2007 Alabama Governor's Conference on Obesity: *A Systems Response to the Challenge of Obesity* will be held on May 3-4, 2007 at the UA Bryant

Conference Center in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. The undergraduate and graduate students in colleges and universities may submit abstracts for poster presentation related to research, training or demonstration projects aimed at reducing health threats of obesity across the life span. Contact Dr. Brian F. Geiger for detailed guidelines at (205) 934-8326, or visit www.ed.uab.edu. The deadline for receipt is January 30, 2007.

Diabetes-The 21st Century Pandemic

CE International's continuing education seminars will focus on diabetes-obesity epidemic, fat cells, inflammation, cardiovascular disease, diet, exercise, drug therapy, and more... held on Friday, May 11, 2007 in Montgomery, Alabama. For more information and registration toll free at (800) 577-5703 or email: info@ceinternational.com.

Annual Health Fair

The Lighthouse Community Development Corporation and Greater Mobile Physicians will be hosting its Annual Health Fair May 12, 2007. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. Our theme this year is "*Staying on Track with your Health*". This event will provide education, food and fun to children in the surrounding communities. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Annette Bouie: (205) 653-5390 or (251) 634-1250.

National Women's Health Week, May 13-19, 2007

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services will celebrate National Women's Health Week on May 13-19, 2007. In conjunction with this event, National Women's Health Check-up Day will be on May 14 to encourage women to use the many high-quality preventive care services available to them through the Nation's health centers. You can host an event during the week of May 13-19 or partner with local providers to offer women in your community free blood pressure checks, Pap tests

and mammograms, diabetes and HIV/AIDS tests, and other important preventive services. This event gives us yet another opportunity to increase direct health care services to all those most in need. Participation is free, and free promotional and educational materials will be available at www.womenhealth.gov/whw beginning March 1 while supplies last. National Women's Health Week was very successful in 2006, resulting in more than 1,100 events and health screenings nationwide. For more information please contact Jessica Hardy or Dechelle Merritt at (334) 206-5669.

2007 ALPHA Conference

The Alabama Public Health Association (ALPHA) and the Alabama Environmental Association (AEHA) will host a joint conference at the Riverview Plaza Hotel in Mobile, AL May 16, 17, and 18, 2007. If you need additional information about the conference and registration Sheila Puckett will be the point of contact at (334) 206-5654.

DBSA CHAT

John McManamy is coming to Montgomery, AL. DBSA Montgomery's First Annual Observance of May is Mental Health Month. The National theme is "*Mind Your Health*". For more information please contact Clairepatrese Sams Milligan at (334) 230-9870 or email at www.dbsalliance.org.

JUNE EVENTS

Obesity Task Force Update

The next Obesity Task Force Meeting will be on June 20, 2007, third Wednesday of the month, 10 a.m. - 12 noon, at the Alabama Power Company WaterCourse Building in Clanton. This meeting will be for committee meetings, with time provided at the end of the meeting to hear from each group. For additional information contact Miriam J. Gaines at (334) 206-5649.

National Conferences 2007

HIV/STD Prevention in Rural Areas

The Fifth National Conference exclusively addressing HIV/STD Prevention in Rural Areas is scheduled for April 5-7, 2007 at Indiana University, Bloomington, IN. Abstract deadline is February 9, 2007. Additional information available at website: <http://www.indiana.edu/~aids/whatsnew.html> or contact Bill Yarber, Senior Director at (812) 855-7974 or email at aids@indiana.edu.

Women's Health & the Environment Conference

The Women's Health & Environmental Network (WHEN) is offering free travel scholarships to cover travel from the Philadelphia region to attend the Women's Health & the Environment Conference in Pittsburgh, PA, on Friday, April 20, 2007. Attendees will learn how the environment is impacting women's health at this free event. Speakers representing the top of their fields will address environmental exposures associated with issues around fertility and early puberty, women's health, prenatal exposures linked to disease, and much more. Those interested in applying for the scholarship can download the application at www.when.org and submit the completed application via mail by March 12, 2007, individual assistance call (215) 763-0298.

16th National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect

The 16th National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect is scheduled for April 16-21, 2007 at the Oregon Convention Center, Portland, OR. The theme of this conference is *Protecting Children, Promoting Healthy Families, and Preserving Communities*, reflects our resolve to ensure that every child enjoys a healthy family life in a nurturing community. It emphasizes our need

to create safe havens for our children, enabling them to thrive at home and in their neighborhood. Further, the theme promotes the idea of communities joining to establish collaborative relationships and strategies to prevent child maltreatment

and provide responsive services and treatment. For additional information, please call (703) 528-0435, or email 16conf@pal-tech.com.

NRHA

The National Rural Health Association 13th Annual Rural Minority and Multicultural Health Conference will be held May 14-15, 2007, in Anchorage, Alaska at the William Egan Civic and Convention Center. The focus of this conference is on rural minority and multicultural issues. For more information visit www.NRHArural.org.

LEAD 2007 SUMMIT

The Lead 2007 Summit will be held May 17-19, 2007, at the Hyatt Regency River The Center for American Nurses will host a pre-conference and continuing education sessions over the three days will enhance the career development skills of attendees (from those beginning their careers to current leaders) for the present and future workforce and workplace. For registration question call (800) 685-4076 or for conference information visit www.LEADSummit2007.org.



American Society of Hypertension: 2007 Call for Abstracts

The American Society of Hypertension, Inc. (ASH) will host their 22nd Annual Scientific Meeting and Exposition (Translating Hypertension Research for Cardiovascular Health) at the Hyatt Regency in Chicago, Illinois, Saturday, May 19, 2007- Tuesday, May 22, 2007. Abstracts submitted to the meeting must be original scientific research. For more information visit membership@ash-us.org.

2007 STEP Conference

The BOAT PEOPLE S.O.S. In collaboration with George Mason University presents 2007 Conference of Vietnamese Torture Survivors on May 24-26, 2007, at George Mason University Johnson Center (Fairfax Campus) in Washington, DC The STEP Conference will unite Vietnamese torture survivors from all over the country. For more information visit on-line at: www.bpsos.org or call (703) 538-2190.

Southern Regional Rural Health Conference

The fourth annual Southern Regional

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Announcements

Children's Shoe Drive

The Alabama Foster Parents Association is collecting new or used shoes for foster children across the state. They need 6,000 shoes, new or used in good condition by April 19, 2007. They will be celebrating National Foster Care Month in Montgomery on May 1st. ADPH Staff can make a difference. Please drop off children's shoes in the box at the Bureau of Children's Health Insurance RSA Tower--2nd Floor.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

ORHP Website

The ORHP Hospital State Team would like to announce a newly revised part of the ORHP Website, located under the Funding section. The SORH updates can be viewed at <http://www.ruralhealth.hrsa.gov/Map/SORHs/>.

Administration for Children and Families

Qualified faith-based and other organizations may apply for the *Compassion Capital Fund (CCF) Demonstration Program*. The goal of this program is to help grassroots faith-based and community organizations maximize their social impact as they provide services to those most in need including the homeless, elders in need, at-risk youth, families in transition from welfare to work, those in need of intensive rehabilitation such as addicts or prisoners, prisoners re-entering the community and children of prisoners, and organizations that provide marriage education and preparation services to help couples who choose marriage for themselves develop the skills and knowledge to form and sustain healthy marriages. Funds will be awarded to experienced

organizations to deliver capacity building services to faith-based and community organizations through the provision of training, technical assistance, and sub-awards. A total \$16.5 million is available during the first year to fund up to 33 projects. Each project will be awarded an average of \$500,000 annually over a three year period. Applications are due May 16, 2007. The program announcement is at <http://www.act.dhhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2007-ACF-OCS-EJ-0035.html>.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Qualified faith-based and other organizations may apply for *Applied Research in Antimicrobial Resistance: Studies of Susceptibility Testing on Gram-negative Multi-drug Resistant Organisms*. The objectives of this program are: to determine strategies to improve therapy of infections caused by the following multi-drug resistant Gram-negative bacteria: *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *Acinetobacter* species, *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, and *Shigellae*; to evaluate how health care providers use in vitro antimicrobial susceptibility data to choose and modify antimicrobial treatment regimens for multi-drug resistant Gram-negative bacteria; and to determine which laboratory algorithms (single or combination of methods) for antimicrobial susceptibility when used for treatment decisions most closely correlate with improved clinical outcome for infections with multi-drug resistant Gram-negative organisms. A total of \$1 million is available to fund the first year of three of four projects. The individual awards will be up to \$300,000 annually. Letters of intent are due March 28, 2007. Applications are due April 27, 2007. The program

announcement is at <http://apply.grants.gov/opportunities/instructions/oppRFA-CI-07-003-cfda93.283>.

National Institutes of Health

Qualified faith-based and other organizations may apply for *National Library of Medicine Grants for Scholarly Works in Biomedicine and Health*. Grants are awarded for major critical reviews, state-of-the-art summaries, historical studies, and other useful organizations of knowledge in clinical medicine, public health, biomedical research, and the informatics/information sciences relating to them. The scholarly work may be prepared for publication in print or non-print media, or both. A total of \$1.4 million is available to fund between nine and twelve projects. Each project may receive up to \$50,000 annually for a period of up to three years. Applications are due May 25, 2007. The program announcement is at <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-07-237.html>.

Nomination Sought for Paul Marks Prize for Cancer Research

The Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center is seeking nominations for the Paul Marks Prize for Cancer Research. The prize recognizes outstanding young investigators who have made significant contributions through basic or clinical research to increasing the understanding of cancer or improving the treatment of the disease. The prize is awarded up to three investigators every other year. Nominees are required to be age 45 or younger at the time of the submission deadline. The winners will present their work at MSKCC and will share a cash award of \$150,000. For more information, visit the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center Web site. [Http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfpitem.jhtml?id=171200041](http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfpitem.jhtml?id=171200041).

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Hispanic Radio Station Launched-KPI Latino

A new Spanish-language radio station has debuted in Birmingham with the backing of **Cox Radio**. With its 5,000-watt signal, WPSB (AM-1320) is the only Spanish-language station to broadcast from within the Birmingham area. The demand for Spanish-language programming has increased in recent years. Radio information will be delivered for the 100,000 Hispanic residents in the Birmingham Area.

WIC Income Guidelines

WIC can serve more women and children in Alabama. Alabama families may qualify for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Woman, Infants and Children, better known as WIC. If you are a pregnant or breastfeeding woman or the parent or guardian of a child up to age 5, you are invited and encouraged to apply for WIC at your local county health department. WIC is a nutrition program that provides nutrition education and supplemental foods during the early, formative years. Collective findings of studies, reviews and reports by government and non-government groups show that the WIC Program is cost effective in protecting and improving the health and nutritional status of women, infants and children. For more information contact your local county health department or

call the statewide toll-free line at 1-888-942-4673.

New Monographs Provide Better Understanding of Cultural Competence

Two new monographs produced by the Research and Training Center (RTC) for Children's Mental Health will help service organizations evaluate if they are providing culturally competent services that truly benefit minority children and youth with serious mental health issues and their families. Racial and ethnic minorities are a growing segment of the U.S. Population and currently are either underserved and/or inappropriately served in the mental health system. Leaders should be able to take this monograph and understand where they are in their efforts to be a culturally competent service organization and identify areas of change. This new knowledge can assist in addressing a key issue related to health disparities identified by the President's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health and the Surgeon General's Report on Mental Health." More information, including access to the monographs, can be found at: <http://rtckids.fmhi.usf.edu/rtcpubs/CulturalCompetence>.

Sister Study in Essence Reader

Every year, nearly 20,000 black women in the U.S. Are diagnosed with breast cancer. If one of those women is your sister, there is something you can do to help. You can join the Sister Study today! The Sister Study, a nationwide effort to learn how our environment and genes affect the chances of getting breast cancer. Fewer than 1,500 of the women enrolled are African American. We need **thousands** more to **join TODAY!** All of the known risk factors

combined--things like age or alcohol use or physical activity--account for less than 50% of breast cancer cases. To join or learn more about the Sister Study, visit www.sisterstudy.org or call toll free 1-877-4SISTER (877-474-7837). Deaf/Hard of Hearing call 1-866-TTY-4SIS (866-889-4747).

NMAC Lifeline

The NMAC Explores Native American Initiatives. The rate of HIV/AIDS diagnoses among AI/ANs increased from 9.5 per 100,000 in 2001 to 11.1 per 100,000 in 2004. The incidence of HIV/AIDS among AI/ANs, though still low relative to other minority populations, cannot be allowed to grow unchecked, especially in light of the high rates of HIV/AIDS co-morbidities reported on many reservations, including hepatitis, tuberculosis, gonorrhea and other sexually-transmitted diseases. These facts represent many challenges that national public policies still do not address. As a response, the National Minority AIDS Council (NMAC) will be convening a meeting with several experts on HIV/AIDS and AI/populations, as well as Native researchers and others with experience in this field. This meeting will serve as an initial dialogue on these issues and will culminate with the production of a report that will address the impact of HIV/AIDS on Indian Country and offer policy recommendations. For more information about this project, please contact Julie Gamble, jgamble@nmac.org or call (202) 234-5120.

Preventing Home Fires

The Alabama Smoke Alarm Initiative (ASAI) was created to reduce death and injuries by equipping fire departments with resources to provide home fire

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safety education and to install smoke alarms. Alabama ranks among the top ten states in terms of fire deaths and injuries. Many fires can be prevented by educating homeowners about risks such as leaving cooking food unattended or placing combustibles too close to sources of heat. If you would like to learn more about home fire safety and the ASAI, contact Nancy Wright at 800-252-1818 or visit our website at www.adph.org/injuryprevention.

National Conferences 2007 (cont'd from page 4)

Rural Health Conference has been scheduled for June 13-14, 2007 in New Orleans at the Chateau Sonesta. This annual conference is jointly sponsored by the Alabama Rural Health Association, Louisiana Rural Health Association, and Mississippi Rural Health Association. Additional information please contact ARHA with any questions. Visit <http://www.nrharural.org/conferences/sub/PI.html> for registration.

Institute 2007-AHIP's Annual Meeting

The American Health Insurance Plan Annual Meeting will be held on June 20-22, 2007, at the Wynn Las Vegas, in Las Vegas, NV. Each year, thousands of health care decision makers attend this meeting to hear from the most influential business, political, and health care leaders. For more information or to register, please call (877) 291-2247.

28th UNC SPH Annual Minority Health Conference and Keynote Broadcast

The 13th Annual Summer Public Health Research Institute and Video conference on Minority Health will open on June 25, 2007 at the Sonja Haynes Stone Center for Black Culture and History. For additional events at UNC and nationally, visit www.minority.unc.edu/events/.

A Statewide Symposium on Long Term Care Restructuring

The New York State Department of Health is pleased to announce "Planning Today for Tomorrow" at the Empire State Plaza Convention Center in Albany, New York on Thursday, June 21, 2007. "Planning Today for Tomorrow" participants will be updated on current New York State restructuring activities, examine the special needs of those requiring long term care, review the best practices and innovations of New York State counties and other states, and plan for future activities. For more information, please call Kelly Hull at (518) 473-8797 or email her at keh04@health.state.ny.us.

National Health Observances 2007

APRIL

- ▶ Alcohol Awareness Month
- ▶ Irritable Bowel Syndrome Awareness Month
- ▶ National Cancer Control Month
- ▶ Environmental Health Month
- ▶ National STD Awareness Month
- ▶ National Child Abuse Prevention Month
- ▶ National Infants Immunization Week
- ▶ National Minority Health Month
- ▶ National Public Health Month
- ▶ Women's Eye Health and Safety Month



MAY

- ▶ National Arthritis Month
- ▶ National Osteoporosis Prevention Month
- ▶ National High Blood Pressure Month
- ▶ National Stroke Awareness Month
- ▶ National Mental Health Month
- ▶ National Women's Health Week
- ▶ National Digestive Diseases Awareness Month
- ▶ National Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month
- ▶ National Melanoma/Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month
- ▶ Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month
- ▶ Better Hearing and Speech Month
- ▶ Hepatitis Awareness Month



JUNE

- ▶ HIV Testing Month
- ▶ National Safety Month
- ▶ National Aphasia Awareness Week
- ▶ National Men's Health Week
- ▶ Helen Keller Dear-Blind Awareness Week
- ▶ Prostate Cancer Awareness Week
- ▶ National Cancer Survivor Day (June 5)

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